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**DELMARVA BROILER/FRYER FACTS FAX**

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**DELMARVA BROILER/FRYER MARKET, US Grade A, Week Ending 22-Oct-04**

| DATE   | PRODUCTION (000)        | ICE-PACKED, MULTI-DROP, IMMEDIATE DELIVERY |                    |                       |                   |
|--------|-------------------------|--|--------------------|-----------------------|-------------------|
|        | <u>Actual Slaughter</u> | <u>Live Weight</u>                         | <u>Price Range</u> | <u>Weighted Price</u> | <u># of Boxes</u> |
| 10/18  | 2,279                   | 5.78                                       | 60-79              | 65.87                 | 7,176             |
| 10/19  | 2,255                   | 5.73                                       | 55-82              | 63.66                 | 8,568             |
| 10/20  | 2,248                   | 5.70                                       | 55.82              | 64.97                 | 8,910             |
| 10/21  | 2,180                   | 5.69                                       | 55-82              | 65.54                 | 6,024             |
| 10/22  | 2,186                   | 5.65                                       | 55-79              | 65.74                 | 8,558             |
| Weekly | 11,149                  | 5.71                                       | Cumulative:        | 65.10                 | 39,236            |

**NEGOTIATED TRADING, USDA GRADE A WHOLE ICE-PACKED, Week of 25-Oct-04**

| Weighted Averages for:     | <u>Current Week</u> | <u>Last Week</u> | <u>Year Ago</u> |
|----------------------------|---------------------|------------------|-----------------|
| New York                   | 61.64               | 62.59            | 58.86           |
| Chicago                    | 60.98               | 61.13            | 56.78           |
| Detroit                    | 62.00               | 61.88            | 56.50           |
| Los Angeles                | 79.72               | 79.52            | 70.62           |
| Composite Weighted Average | 68.01               | 67.90            | 64.04           |

**NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS Ice-Packed, Delivered first receivers, pool and trucklot volumes, cents per pound, Week Ending 22-Oct-04**

|                     | <u>Weekly Weighted Average Price</u> | <u>Total Volume/Pounds</u> |
|---------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| Breast - B/S        | 130.49                               | 2,975,793                  |
| Tenderloins         | 119.93                               | 661,990                    |
| Breast - With Ribs  | 82.89                                | 574,040                    |
| Breast - Line Run   | 76.93                                | 508,120                    |
| Legs                | 36.83                                | 964,163                    |
| Leg Quarters (Bulk) | 30.34                                | 1,273,686                  |
| Drumsticks          | 33.21                                | 672,900                    |
| Thighs              | 35.74                                | 367,380                    |
| B/S Thighs          | 70.77                                | 460,660                    |
| Wings (Whole)       | 105.31                               | 663,640                    |

(Includes NY City metro area, RI, Northern NJ, MA, CT, PA (NE of Harrisburg))

**BROILER EGGS SET AND CHICKS PLACED (000), Week Ending 16-Oct-04**

|               | <u>Current Week</u> | <u>Last Week</u> | <u>Year Ago</u> | <u>10-Weeks Prior</u> | <u>7-Weeks Prior</u> |
|---------------|---------------------|------------------|-----------------|-----------------------|----------------------|
| Eggs Set      | 194,824             | 203,648          | 187,583         | 213,074               | 210,600              |
| Chicks Placed | 163,964             | 161,191          | 160,266         | 174,498               | *175,200*            |

\*Week ending 09-Oct-04 revised to read "175,852"

**SLAUGHTER OF YOUNG CHICKENS UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION, W/E 16-OCT-04**

|                     | <u>Current Week</u> | <u>Last Week</u> | <u>Year Ago</u> |
|---------------------|---------------------|------------------|-----------------|
| Head (000)          | 161,485             | 161,676          | 161,676         |
| Average Live Weight | 5.46                | 5.40             | 5.26            |
| To Date 2004 (000)  | 6,430,183           | 6,268,698        | -----           |
| To Date 2003 (000)  | 6,327,938           | 6,170,823        | -----           |

**MONTHLY COLD STORAGE:** Total frozen poultry supplies on **September 30, 2004**, were 1% below the previous month, but 3% above a year ago. Total stocks of chicken were up 7% from the previous month, and up 27% from last year. Total pounds of turkey in freezers were down 12% from last month and down 18% from September 30, 2003.

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